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DIARY NOTES

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23 through 27 January 1956

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1. Talked to Matt Baird prior to his departure overseas. He told me that the Office of Training needed \$18,000 to see Project [] through the month of January. I asked Ed Saunders to take care of this.

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2. Matt also said that a project would be coming up requesting approval to spend \$24,000 for the rehabilitation of quarters at []. He is also sending up a project to expand recreational activities and specifically wants to build a gymnasium at a cost of from \$150,000 to \$200,000. I suggested that he have his man talk to Larry Houston before submitting the project. It might be better to submit it under something other than a "recreational" heading. H

3. Matt says that so many individuals in the Agency are receiving invitations to be guest lecturers he thinks it might be worthwhile to centralize all such requests; he also thinks that inasmuch as the Office of Training is getting most of them it might well have the function. I agreed to take this up at the Deputies' Meeting. H

4. The Insurance and Casualty Division in the Office of Personnel is apparently bogged down again. I told Harry Reynolds that I would authorize him a temporary increase in ceiling in order to overcome this situation. I made this commitment, however, with the understanding that he could keep current if he did overcome his backlog.

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25X1A6A 5. Talked to Frank Wisner about seeing Mr. [] in connection with the [] contract and told him that I thought we could go ahead on this without his help. He agreed.

6. Matt Baird advised that Kirk had completed his JOT survey and that he, Baird, had seen a draft of the report. He said that Kirk again recommended combining the Office of Personnel and the Office of Training. Matt requested Kirk not to submit the paper with this recommendation in it. I also talked to Kirk on this matter and told him that I had no objection whatever to putting in the recommendation but that I would resist its implementation. I also stated that if this were not very closely held rumors might start flying which would be detrimental to morale. Also discussed with Matt the Junior Career Development and Career Development slots. It is my belief that these should be eliminated, and I think that Kirk may also have touched on this in his report. H

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25X1 7. Harry says that a Mr. [] has been pressuring him on behalf of a
25X1 Mr. [] a Latin American expert in the Foreign Operations Administration
who is now a grade GS-18. Told Harry that I would mention this at the Deputies'
Meeting to see if anyone had any special interest in Mr. []

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of a cable in which [] had asked for special treatment of [] of
25X1 [], who is going out to the Far East. After I have read the cable Frank
wants to discuss it with me and possibly the boss.

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recommended to him that a closer relationship be established between the Techni-
cal Services Staff and the Medical Staff. [] commented that there were
lots of problems in this area and General Cabell said that he did not think that
this suggestion was advisable or practicable. His argument was apparently hinged
around the fact that he thought the Medical Staff should be conventional and that
the area in which the Technical Services Staff was working with [] was
quite unconventional. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that there was a study now in the
mill called "Medical Relationship Liaison" which would be out shortly and which
he thought would bring the whole problem into focus.

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[] return to the Agency. Mr. Dulles asked Dick to discuss this with
him later.

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an option on three of our C-46's. We also have been awarded the []
for February which will probably further alienate []

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25X1A9A 12. [] advises me that [] has accepted the position in the
Office of the Director subject to the approval of General Cabell and Mr. Dulles
with whom he is to have interviews.

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